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# Iowa U., ISU Severed NSA Ties Years Ago

By Associated Press

Student leaders at Iowa's two largest universities expressed surprise Tuesday at learning the National Student Assn. for several years has been accepting funds from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Campus governments at both the University of Iowa and Iowa State once were affiliated with NSA, but both severed their ties a few years ago.

Tom Hanson, an Iowa senior from Jefferson and president of the SUI student senate, explained they dropped out of NSA in November of 1965 on grounds

the group was moving too far to the left.

The Iowa student senate felt, said Hanson, that NSA was paying too much attention to liberal stands on such issues as civil rights and foreign affairs — and not enough emphasis on student activities.

Hanson added he personally feels Iowa should rejoin NSA, because it is concentrating more now on campus problems and provides a channel for exchange of ideas on student government.

As for the CIA influencing NSA policies through its finan-

cial support, the Iowa student senate president said:

"I don't think the NSA sold out to the CIA. I don't believe there was anything wrong with this."

Hanson said if the nation's supersecret spy agency indeed was directing NSA activities, it certainly took a strange course in leaning far to the left.

"Take it from one student leader who hasn't been infiltrated," he added. "That's a bunch of baloney as far as this campus is concerned or any other."

Students at Iowa State recalled their campus government dropped out of NSA in March of 1961 after several months of debate.

The main reasons given were lack of enough fellow member schools in the area, insufficient benefit from the \$225 annual dues and inability to use NSA facilities fully.

There also was some talk on the Ames campus about the association being controlled by a liberal element.